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May 8, 2006

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
20	<b>Local Element</b>

- Modifies the Recreational Trails Program by programming two new projects. The St. John's River Parkway Trail project programs \$79,000 in Recreational Trails Program funds, and \$20,000 in local transportation funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06. The East Mill Creek Trail Phase 1 project programs \$81,000 in Recreational Trails Programs funds and \$26,000 in local transportation funds, in FY 2005/06. See Enclosure

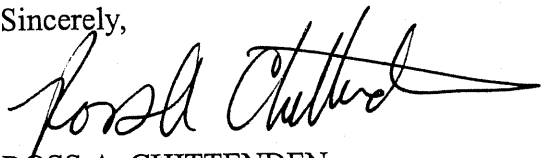
I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 20 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming has been found by TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations, and satisfy the requirements of 40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 93.118 and 93.119 without a new regional emissions analysis in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR 93.122(e)(2)(ii). The projects have been included in the regional emissions analysis of the Regional Transportation Plan at the time of the conformity determination. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. TCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

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